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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Attached for your information or use
at HPSCI and with Judge Clark is our status
report on the situation in Chad.

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The Chad situation may be heading for another potentially decisive stage as the Libyans and Chadian rebels prepare to organize a counterattack against Faya Largeau.

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- It would be a difficult decision for President Mitterrand to send French troops into Chad after many years of Socialist criticism of previous French regimes for military adventurism in Africa.

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- An invasion of Chad, akin to the 1980 operation in which more than 7,000 Libyans participated, does not appear in the making at the present. Nevertheless, this could change if Habre's forces threaten to push on into the Libyan-claimed Aozou strip.
- Qadhafi probably believes that time is on his side and that Habre's allies will be unwilling to match Libya's commitment to the dissidents over the long term.

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